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- 1. A flexible intermediate bulk container, comprising a flexible bag made of an antistatic fabric comprising electrically non-conducting warp and weft yarns and a plurality of conductive dissipative fibers intersectingly woven into the antistatic fabric, wherein the conductive dissipative fibers comprise Polyolefine with a Polyether-Block-Polyolefine-Coploymer additive, the Polyether-Block-Polyolefine-Coploymer comprising connected or nearly-connected conductive channels at, or near, external surface of the fibers, and wherein the bag is provided with an antistatic dissipative membrane,
- whereby the bag may be grounded or ungrounded and exhibit corona discharge.
 - 2. The flexible intermediate bulk container as set forth in claim 1, wherein the Polyether-Block-Polyolefine-Coploymer is mixed into the Polyolefine of the conductive dissipative fibers at a mass portion of 5% to 25%.
- 3. The flexible intermediate bulk container as set forth in claim 1, wherein at least some of the conductive dissipative fibers have a substantially rectangular cross-section.
 - 4. The flexible intermediate bulk container as set forth in claim 1, wherein at least some of the conductive dissipative fibers have a substantially round cross-section.
- 5. The flexible intermediate bulk container as set forth in claim 1, wherein at least some of the conductive dissipative fibers are monofilament.
 - 6. The flexible intermediate bulk container as set forth in claim 1, wherein at least some of the conductive dissipative fibers are multifilament.
 - 7. The flexible intermediate bulk container as set forth in claim 1, wherein the membrane comprises a coating.
- 25 8. The flexible intermediate bulk container as set forth in claim 7, wherein the coating comprises Polyolefine with a Polyether-Block-Polyolefine-Coploymer additive.
 - 9. The flexible intermediate bulk container as set forth in claim 1, wherein the

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- membrane comprises an antistatic liner provided within the bag.
- 10. The flexible intermediate bulk container as set forth in claim 9, wherein the antistatic liner comprises Polyolefine with a Polyether-Block-Polyolefine-Coploymer additive.
- 11. The flexible intermediate bulk container as set forth in claim 1, wherein the membrane is inside the bag.

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- 12. The flexible intermediate bulk container as set forth in claim 1, wherein the at least some conductive dissipative fibers are aligned with the weft.
- 13. The flexible intermediate bulk container as set forth in claim 12, wherein the distance between at least some conductive dissipative fibers is between 20 mm and 300 mm.
- 14. The flexible intermediate bulk container as set forth in claim 13, wherein said distance is between 30 mm to 45 mm.
- 15. The flexible intermediate bulk container as set forth in claim 1, wherein the at least some conductive dissipative fibers are aligned with the warp.
- 15 16. The flexible intermediate bulk container as set forth in claim 15, wherein the distance between said at least some conductive dissipative fibers is between 20 mm and 300 mm.
 - 17. The flexible intermediate bulk container as set forth in claim 16, wherein the distance is between 30 mm to 45 mm.
- 20 18. The flexible intermediate bulk container as set forth in claim 1, further comprises lifting straps attached to the bag.
 - 19. The flexible intermediate bulk container as set forth in claim 18, wherein the lifting straps are conductively attached to the bag.
- The flexible intermediate bulk container as set forth in claim 19, wherein the lifting straps comprise electrically non-conducting warp and weft yarns and a plurality of conductive dissipative fibers.
 - 21. The flexible intermediate bulk container as set forth in claim 20, wherein the conductive dissipative fibers comprise Polyolefine with a Polyether-Block-

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- Polyolefine-Coploymer additive.
- 22. The flexible intermediate bulk container as set forth in claim 21, wherein the conductive dissipative fibers are multifilament.
- 23. A flexible intermediate bulk container substantially as described in the present specification accompanying drawings and appending claims.